CLAIMS

1. Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program comprising a circuit for communication with means of connection to a bidirectional communication network, wherein the apparatus comprises

- a first connector for communication with a master apparatus;

- a second connector for communication with a peripheral apparatus;

- a means of transmission of a supply voltage (VBUS) on the first connector originating from the master apparatus;

- means of detection of the presence of the supply voltage (VBUS) on the first connector, the means of detection controlling a switching circuit for going from a master mode of operation of the apparatus in relation to the peripheral apparatus in the case of the absence of the voltage (VBUS), and from a slave mode of operation in relation to the master apparatus when the voltage is present.

2. Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 1, wherein the first connector is a B type USB connector and each second connector is an A type USB connector.

3. Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 1, wherein the switching circuit comprises two inputs each linked to an input/output of a controller managing the transfer of data between the first or the second connector and a so-called main microprocessor of the apparatus, the switching circuit also comprises inputs/outputs allowing the connection of the first and second connector so that either the first connector is linked to the inputs/outputs of the controller, or the second connector is linked to the inputs/outputs of the controller.

4. Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 3, wherein the means of detection are linked, firstly to a specific input of the

switching circuit, secondly to an input of the controller and thirdly to an input of the main microprocessor.

5. Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 1, wherein the master apparatus is a personal computer and the apparatus comprises a digital decoder connected to the communication network so as to allow the computer to talk to said network.

6. Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 3, wherein the means of detection comprise a line transmitting either the supply voltage appearing on the first connector, or a signal representative of the appearance of the supply voltage on the first connector, to the switching circuit, the controller and the main microprocessor.

7. Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to claim 1, wherein the peripheral or peripherals are linked to the second connector of the apparatus by way of a splitter.